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ject: Ackerson Livestock Handling Facilities Project, Scoping Document

To: Interested Individuals, Organizations, and Agencies

Dear Interested Party:

The Stanislaus National Forest is initiating scoping for the Ackerson Livestock Handling Facilities Project. The proposed Ackerson Livestock Handling Facilities Project is located on the Groveland Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest in Tuolumne County. Refer to the scoping package for a map of the project area.

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The Stanislaus National Forest is seeking initial scoping comments on the Ackerson Livestock Handling Facilities Project. The project would implement livestock management practices to improve allotment condition or animal distribution. Activities include construction or reconstruction of approximately 0.3 miles of fence and construction of a new corral near Ackerson Meadow.

The Forest Service intends to prepare a Decision Memo for this proposal under the category: Implementation or modification of minor management practices to improve allotment condition or animal distribution when an allotment management plan is not yet in place [36 CFR 220.6(e)(9)]. I expect to complete and sign a Decision Memo by December 1, 2019.

You are receiving this notice because I believe you may be directly or indirectly affected by this project. Additionally, the intent of the Forest in scoping this project is to engage in a transparent and inclusive collaborative planning process. As such, we request that you review the scoping package and share either your suggestions or endorsement of the actions.

A scoping package that provides information related to the proposed action, the scoping process and how to submit comments is available online at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56675; or at the Stanislaus National Forest Headquarters; 19777 Greenley Road; Sonora, CA 95370.

For additional information regarding this project, please contact Dawn Coultrap at the Stanislaus National Forest Supervisor's Office; 19777 Greenley Road; Sonora, CA 95370; or call 209-288-6315, or email decoultrap@fs.fed.us.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the environmental analysis process.

Sincerely,

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